

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

July 7, 2004

To:

All Department Heads

From:

Michael J. Henry Director of Personnel

Subject:

BOARD MOTION AND POLICY TO EXTEND THE I-9 BASIC PILOT

PROGRAM TO VERIFY EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY

On March 9, 2004, the Board of Supervisors passed a motion (see attached) by Supervisor Antonovich instructing the Director of Personnel to continue the I-9 Basic Pilot Program in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding. The I-9 Basic Pilot allows departments to verify the status of employment eligibility for all new employees hired, via an automated query to the Social Security Administration. The program will continue through November 30, 2008. Attached is the revised Board policy on the I-9 Basic Employment Pilot that was approved by the Audit Committee on May 20, 2004.

The I-9 monthly reports prepared and submitted to the Department of Human Resources by each department will no longer be required. The information will be obtained by the Department of Human Resources through the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Immigration Services (formerly INS). Departments are still required to complete the employee I-9 form within three (3) days to verify all new hires through the I-9 automated system and retain documentation related to the I-9 process. This is mandatory as the MOU stipulates that the Customs and Immigration Services may make periodic visits to review employee I-9 forms and related records.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. If you have any questions please call me or your staff may contact the Countywide I-9 Coordinator, Nancy Eiser at (213) 738-2115.

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Attachments

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Each Supervisor Administrative Deputies Personnel Officers **I-9** Coordinators

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Director of Personnel

At its meeting held March 9, 2004, the Board took the following action:

On motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisors Burke and Knabe being absent), the Director of Personnel was directed to continue the I-9 Basic Pilot Program in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding established with the Federal Government through the Social Security Administration and Immigration and Naturalization Service, which provides confirmation of employment eligibility for newly hired County employees through an automated system.

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Policy #:	Title:		Effective Date:
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PURPOSE

Instructs the Director of Personnel to acquire approval to participate in and to work with County departments to implement the new federal employment eligibility verification pilot project to obtain confirmation of federal employment eligibility for newly hired County employees from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS), formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Further authorizes the County to continue participation in the I-9 Basic Pilot Program in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding established with the Social Security Administration and the Citizenship and Immigration Services.

REFERENCE

September 8, 1998 Board Order, Synopsis 25

October 6, 1998 Memorandum of Understanding, "Basic Employment Verification Pilot"

February 12, 2002 Board Order, Synopsis 55

February 26, 2002 Memo to all Department Heads from Michael J. Henry, Director of Personnel, "Extension of the I-9 Basic Automated Pilot Program for Employment Eligibility Confirmation"

March 9, 2004 Board Order, Agenda Item 3

POLICY

The legal employment authorization of newly hired county employees shall be verified through an online automated computer system to SSA/CIS. All departments will participate in the I-9 Basic Employment Verification Pilot. The participating departments shall initiate the Basic Pilot verification procedures within three business days after each employee has been hired, but only after completion of Sections 1 and 2 of the federal Form I-9. Employment verification shall be conducted in accordance with the policy, procedures, and requirements contained in the Basic Pilot Manual provided by CIS.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT

Department of Human Resources

DATE ISSUED/SUNSET DATE

Issue Date: September 8, 1998 Sunset Date: September 8, 2002

Reissue Date: September 20, 2002 Sunset Date: November 30, 2003

Reissue Date: Sunset Date: November 30, 2008